

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
Beacon School – 801 W. Union Street

**The Mission of the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to serve our
community with compassion, innovation, and transparency**

1. Dr. Jason Jolley, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Arian Smedley did roll call.

CONNER	Present
DEMKO	Present – virtual
GÜT-ZIPPERT	Present
JOLLEY	Present
LEWIS	Present – virtual
OCHES	Present
SABAIDUC	Present

Staff / Others in Attendance:

Dr. Kevin Davis	Superintendent
Arian Smedley	Assistant Superintendent
Scott Zielinski	Director of Finance
Stephanie Kendrick	Director of Services & Support
Chris Linscott	Director of Facilities & Transportation
Angela Patrick	MUI Coordinator
Becky Martin	Director of Education / Principal
Jamie Bartee	Assistant Principal
Amy Goldsberry	Medicaid & Waiver Services Manager
Clayton Ray	Service & Support Administrator, PGO
Chase Morano	Service & Support Administrator, PGO
Heather Clemons	Community Inclusion Coordinator, ABEA

3. Dr. Jolley read the Mission Statement.
4. Oches motioned to approve the agenda.

MOTION#: 4-28-26-1
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: GÜT-ZIPPERT
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAIDUC
CARRIES: YES

5. New Business:

Items for review and discussion:

- a. Dr. Davis walked the board members through the Strategic Plan Progress Report – Quarter 1 update (Exhibit 1, Pages 1-5). He shared we are in the second year of our three-year strategic plan. We provide quarterly updates for each year of the plan, and what is being presented is the first quarter update for 2026. He added the updates help to communicate and track progress.
- b. Dr. Güt-Zippert motioned to approve Administrative Policy 22. Deposits (Exhibit 2, Pages 6-24).

Discussion: Dr. Davis requested to table Administrative Policy 15: Administrative Resolution of Complaints, as additional edits are needed.

MOTION#: 4-28-26-2
MOTION: GÜT-ZIPPERT
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAIDUC
CARRIES: YES

- c. Dr. Davis walked the board members through the ACBDD Cash Flow Projections Through 2035 (Enclosed). He shared the Cash Flow Projections are completed every year, and last year, the state started publishing these documents online. He reminded the board it is difficult to project beyond a year or two. He highlighted that 2026 is projected to be approximately \$400,000 in the red. He reminded the board we still have a healthy carry over and our waiver reserve fund. He also reminded the board this is the trend we have been talking about for many years.

There was discussion about whether additional levy support was an appropriate response. Dr. Davis shared he does not think additional levies are the answer. He thinks reforms at the state level are what is needed for our field. Although we are seeing red numbers, he added our situation is much better than other county boards, particularly in our region.

In addition, he provided a high-level overview of the agency’s financial situation.

In summary, the agency is financially stable with revenue and reserves. But there are concerns coming our way that we will need to monitor.

- d. Dr. Davis walked the board members through the Mock Accreditation Review Summary (Exhibit 3, Pages 25-26).
- e. Dr. Davis walked the board members through the Beacon School 2026-2027 calendar (Exhibit 4, Page 27-28). He highlighted there are now 4 days of professional development – this is new. To account for this change, we will be in session on November 30. President’s Day will be a make-up day if we need it. The union was a partner in developing the academic calendar.
- f. Board members discussed reminders on future meetings/trainings:

i. Regular meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 6 p.m.

Motions for vote:

- a. Demko motioned to approve March Board Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 5, Page 29-34).

MOTION#: 4-28-26-3
MOTION: DEMKO
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAIUDUC
CARRIES: YES

- b. Dr. Güt-Zippert motioned to approve resolution expressing appreciation to Professor Bill Reader and Director Andrea Lewis for their collaboration on this year's Special Edition (Exhibit 6, Page 35).

MOTION#: 4-28-26-4
MOTION: GÜT-ZIPPERT
SECOND: OCHES
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAIUDUC
CARRIES: YES

- c. Oches motioned to approve contract with Hopewell Health Services for emergency crisis support, pending prosecuting attorney's approval (Exhibit 7, Pages 36-40).

MOTION#: 4-28-26-5
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: SABAIUDUC
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAIUDUC
CARRIES: YES

- d. Sabaiduc motioned to approve contract with ARTSWest for second ATCO Idol event, pending prosecuting attorney's approval (Exhibit 8, Pages 41-44).

MOTION#: 4-28-26-6
MOTION: SABAIUDUC
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAIUDUC
CARRIES: YES

- e. Oches motioned to approve payment of the ACBDD's share of the Munis software system's annual fee (Exhibit 9, Page 45).

MOTION#: 4-28-26-7
MOTION: OCHES

SECOND: GÜT-ZIPPERT
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAUDUC
CARRIES: YES

6. Board Reports:

- a. Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Davis (Exhibit 10, Pages 46-47).
Report stands.
- b. Director of Education, Becky Martin (Exhibit 11, Page 48-50).
Report stands. She highlighted two dates: May 12 at 10, the school will be presenting the Wizard of Oz. May 28 at 9 and then 10, the school will host Preschool Graduation and then Graduation & Awards for YA and the other classrooms. Board members are welcome.
- c. Director of Finance, Scott Zielinski (Exhibit 12, Pages 51-60).
Report stands.
- d. Director of Human Resources, Tristin Lawrence (Exhibit 13, Pages 61-66).
Report stands.
- e. Director of Facilities and Transportation, Chris Linscott (Exhibit 14, Pages 67-68).
Report stands. He highlighted school bus appreciation day for bus drivers. He took a moment to express his appreciation to our drivers.
- f. MUI Coordinator, Angela Patrick (Exhibit 15, Page 69).
Report stands.
- g. Director of Service and Support, Stephanie Kendrick (Exhibit 16, Pages 70-72).
Report stands. She added an introduction of a new SSA, Chase Morano, who was in attendance this evening. The other new SSA will likely attend the next board meeting. Lastly, there is still one more vacancy, and she encouraged qualified candidates to apply.
- h. Director of Integrate Athens, Autumn Brown (Exhibit 17, Pages 73-76).
Report stands.
- i. Assistant Superintendent, Arian Smedley (Exhibit 18, Pages 77-80).
Report stands. She highlighted the success of the last Family Forum. She extended a formal thanks to Dr. Jason Jolley, who served on the panel. With 32 participants (in person and online), this was the largest forum to date. Dr. Jolley also thanked Judge Zachary Saunders for his time and attention during this forum. Third forum is on May 19, called Getting Started: Understanding Services, Supports & Waivers.

7. No comments from Visitors relative to the agenda.

8. No comments from Unions relative to the agenda.
9. No comments from the Board.
10. Oches motioned to enter into Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the employment of a public employee at 6:42 p.m.

MOTION#: 4-28-26-8
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: SABAIIDUC
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAIIDUC
CARRIES: YES

11. Sabaiduc motioned to return from Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. There were no action items coming out of executive session.

MOTION#: 4-28-26-9
MOTION: SABAIIDUC
SECOND: OCHES
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAIIDUC
CARRIES: YES

12. Conner motioned to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

MOTION#: 4-28-26-10
MOTION: CONNER
SECOND: ???
AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES, SABAIIDUC
CARRIES: YES